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Interview Summary

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Examiner
Hilary Gutman

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Hilary Gutman

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(2) Nicole Gathy

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Date of Interview Jul 3, 2003

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: claims 15, 23, and 50

Identification of prior art discussed:

None

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

The applicant called to discuss the after final amendment. With regard to claim 15, the applicant explained that the skin layer and stretchable layer are adhesively attached together and combined layers stretch to conform to the railing. With respect to claims 23 and 50, the applicant suggested modifying "its length" with "a length of the railing" which apparently overcome the 112 second (antecedent) rejection. Further, applicant stated that some typographical errors exist in the specification, including "Flexicon" which should be "Flexcon". Also, mylar is in fact a polyester and not a polyurethane. Finally, the examiner discussed the addition of the term "resin based" before "releasable adhesive" and questioned whether this was new matter. The applicant clarified that the adhesive is acrylic. The applicant agreed to submit a supplemental after final amendment for the examiner's consideration.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

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STEPHEN T. GORDON
PRIMARY EXAMINER

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Examiner's signature, if required